

**MHMR of Tarrant County
Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2024**

Members Present:

- Bob Brown, Chair
- Lea Ann Capel, Vice-Chair
- Carey Cockerell, Secretary
- Brandon Teague
- Cheryl Bean
- Carolyn Sims
- Lyn Willis
- Mario Perez
- Roy Griffin
- Chief Greg Pilkington, Ex-officio Member

Executive Staff Present:

- Susan Garnett, Chief Executive Officer
- Catherine Carlton, Chief of Staff
- Aaron Bovos, Chief Financial Officer
- Laura Kender, Chief Program Officer
- Ramey Heddins, Deputy Chief of Program Services
- Jessica Trudeau, Deputy Chief of Program Operations
- Charles Hoffman, Assistant Center Administrator
- Dr. Carol Nati, Chief Medical Officer
- Grace White, Deputy Chief Program Systems
- Diana Awde, Chief Information Officer
- Dr. Twanda Wadlington, Executive Director MHMR Foundation
- Aleed Rivera, General Counsel
- Victoria San Martín, Board Liaison

Guests Present:

Richard Vickers, Citizen
Nakia Sampson, Staff
Deirdre Browne, Staff
Meghan Glovier, Staff
Alyssa Mierzejewski, Staff
Paul Duncan, Staff

Call to Order

Bob Brown, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.; a quorum was present.

Comments from Chairperson

- Mr. Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Mr. Brown shared October Program and Business Committee meetings.

- Mr. Brown shared the upcoming Community Advisory Committee and Board of Trustee meeting schedule.

Comments from Citizens

None at this time.

Board Training

Ramey Heddins introduced Dee Browne and Meaghan Glovier to present Housing Programs at MHMR.

MHMR Foundation

Dr. Twanda Wadlington shared North Texas Giving Day 2024 success and Opening Doors sponsorship/tickets. The Foundation Impact Report was included in the Board packet.

Committee Updates

1. **Youth Services CAC** (Laura Kender) – The committee update was provided in the Board packet.
2. **Texas Council Update** (Bob Brown) – There was no update this month.

Consent Agenda Items

Approval of Minutes of the August 27, 2024, Board Meeting

Resolved, by the Board of Trustees, that the August 27, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes are approved.

Motion: Made by Lyn Willis and seconded by Lea Ann Capel that the Consent Agenda item is approved; and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Agenda Items

Approval of the Revised Charity Care Policy

Aaron Bovos, Chief Financial Officer stated that the current policy meet the requirements and there is not need for action at this time.

CEO Report

- 4th Quarter Compliance Report – Paul Duncan presented the 4th quarter compliance report.
- Legislative Update – Ms. Garnett shared updates on the upcoming legislative session, which will convene January 2025. Anticipated topics include children’s mental health, wages for direct care professionals for IDD services and community-based services.
 - i. Trustees were invited to sign a letter to thank state leadership and budget committees acknowledging their investment in mental health services and describing how funds are making a difference in communities across the state.
- Revenue/Expenditures – There were no revenue/expenditures to report this month.
- Quality Management Plan – Grace White introduced Nakia Sampson who presented the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Quality Management Plan.
- Employee Engagement – Ms. Garnett and Catherine Carlton shared employee highlights on the Employee Appreciation Luncheon, recent recognitions at Commissioner’s Court for suicide awareness month and co responder and crisis response teams.

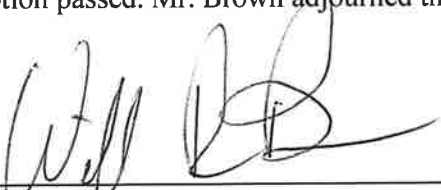
- i. Mr. Brown and Carolyn Sims praised the team on a successful event earlier this month.

Executive Session

As authorized by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to seek legal advice from its Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.

Adjourn

Made by Ms. Willis and seconded by Ms. Sims that the September 24, 2024, meeting is adjourned. The motion passed. Mr. Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:58 p.m.



William Brown, Chair



Carey Cockerell, Secretary